



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

Dated: April 2, 2004

Signature: _____

(Marcus J. Millet)

Docket No.: TESSERA 3.0-143 DIV DIV
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Beroz et al.

Application No.: 10/032,886

Filed: December 26, 2001

For: ENHANCEMENTS IN FRAMED SHEET
PROCESSING

:
:
:
:
Group Art Unit: 3729
:
Examiner: A. D. Tugbang
:
:
:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The present communication is responsive to the Official Action mailed December 12, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of the term for response to said Official Action, to and including April 12, 2004, is transmitted herewith.

In response to the requirement for restriction, applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, namely claims 1-6, 8-11, 14-19, 24-26 and 38-39, for prosecution in the present application. The non-elected claims have been retained in the application pending a decision as to the filing of a divisional application.

In response to the requirement for election of species, applicants elect the species denominated as Species B, namely the species of Figs. 2A and 2B. However, applicants

RECEIVED
APR 12 2004
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

respectfully traverse this requirement, in that it characterizes the structure of Figs. 1A and 1B ("Species A") as a separate species from the structure of Figs. 2A-2B ("Species B"). Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B are all views of the same structure. See paragraphs 0029-0032 of the specification. Of course, species are different embodiments of the invention. M.P.E.P. § 806.04(e). Here, the structure shown in Figs. 2A-2B (Species B) is the identical structure shown (in a different view) in Figs. 1A and 1B. Stated another way, every claim which reads on Species B necessarily reads on Species A. The following claims are readable on the elected Species B: 1-4 inclusive, 6 and 14-19 inclusive.

It is noted that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed concurrently with the application, and a further Information Disclosure Statement was filed on or about January 29, 2002. It is respectfully submitted that these Information Disclosures Statements be acknowledged in the next Official Action.

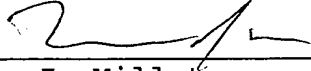
As it is believed that all of the requirements set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this communication, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Dated: April 2, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Marcus J. Millet
Registration No.: 28,241
LERNER, DAVID, LITTENBERG,
KRUMHOLZ & MENTLIK, LLP
600 South Avenue West
Westfield, New Jersey 07090
(908) 654-5000
Attorney for Applicant